

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: May 23, 2008
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: National Association of Social Workers

BILL NUMBER: AB 3015
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BILL SUMMARY: Foster Care Safe Schools Training

This bill would amend the existing training requirements for group home administrators, licensed foster parents, and relative caretakers to include basic instruction on existing laws regarding the safety of foster youth at school and the harassment- and violence-free provisions of the School Safety and Violence Prevention Act.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The fiscal impact of this bill would be minor. Costs associated with this bill would be absorbable within existing resources. The Community Care Licensing Division would need to update existing regulations and revise its evaluator manual, and to review training outlines to ensure compliance with the provisions of the bill.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill.

Current Law requires an administrator of a group home facility to complete a certification program and licensed foster parents complete specified preplacement training and additional annual training. Existing law also requires that each community college district with a foster care education program make orientation and training available to a relative caretaker.

This bill would add to the training regimen for these groups basic instruction on the existing laws and procedures regarding the safety of foster youth at school as well as provisions of the California School Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000.

The author's office indicates this bill would ensure foster youth and their caregivers are knowledgeable about how to report and prevent harassment and violence in schools.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP						Fund	
	RV	98	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	Code
5180/Social Svcs	SO	No		-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0001

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